

**EX PARTE COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
CONCERNING LIFELINE BROADBAND PROVIDERS**

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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Re: *Ex Parte* disclosure in WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 09-197

Dear Ms. Dortch:

PCs for People is a 501(C)3 non-profit computer refurbisher and mobile internet reseller and they submit this letter via email to Ryan Palmer of the Wireline Competition Bureau to express their support to reinstate the LBP revocations and move forward with the LBP designation process. We offer an unlimited \$10 per month LTE service that is utilized by thousands of low income individuals in 49 States. Our average recipient is well below the 135% poverty level and cites cost as the primary reason for non-adoption of home internet. PCs for People was excited to learn about a new LBP modernization process and how this could spur innovative models to allow millions of low income families to realize the many benefits of the digital world. Over 2016 and 2017 PCs for People and looked into the details of the new designation in order to determine what might be needed to adapt our model for the Lifeline program.

Chairman Pai has cited the digital divide as a top priority, yet the recent decision to revoke LBP designation for all nine participating entities create uncertainty and doubt around a program that would otherwise help foster the development of a digitally inclusive nation. Due to this uncertainty, PCs for People has decided to halt consideration of applying to be a LBP and focus on other initiatives to close the digital divide. PCs for People would like the Commission to reconsider its decision to revoke the LBP designations and to actively encourage innovative providers like PCs for People to enter the Lifeline market.

Respectfully submitted,

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